

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4006-01
Bill No.: HB 1548
Subject: Children and Minors; Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Hospitals
Type: Original
Date: February 8, 2002

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services - Division of Medical Services (DOS-DMS)** stated this bill provides that if an infant is transferred from one hospital to another before the newborn hearing screening is completed, the second hospital is responsible for ensuring that the test be done as required by law. Since the DMS Medicaid will only pay for the test once, regardless of the facility in which it is done, there is no fiscal impact to the DOS.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** stated here will not be any additional cost to the DOH. A newborn screening reporting and case management system has already been developed and will be in place to track babies' hearing screening status. During the writing of rules for the newborn hearing screening program, it was learned that the current statute language does not allow the transfer of responsibility for completion of the newborn hearing screening when a newborn is transferred to a different facility for further acute care. This is the practice among hospitals. The proposed statute change is designed to clarify the facility responsibility when this situation occurs.

Officials from **Barton County Memorial Hospital, Cass Medical Center, Cooper County Memorial Hospital, Excelsior Springs Medical Center, Lincoln County Memorial Hospital, Pemiscot Memorial Hospital, Phelps County Regional Medical Center, Ray County Memorial Hospital, Samaritan Memorial Hospital, and Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital** did not respond to our request for a statement of fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

HW-C:LR:OD (12/01)

This bill revises a provision pertaining to hearing screening for newborns. Effective January 1, 2002, any facility which transfers a newborn to a different facility for further acute care prior to the completion of the newborn hearing screening is required to notify the receiving facility of the current status of the hearing screening. If the hearing screening is incomplete, the receiving facility is responsible for completing the hearing screening for newborns. Currently, hospitals or ambulatory surgical centers are required to perform the hearing screening for newborns delivered in their facilities prior to discharge.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Social Services
Department of Health and Senior Services

NOT RESPONDING: Barton County Memorial Hospital, Cass Medical Center, Cooper County Memorial Hospital, Excelsior Springs Medical Center, Lincoln County Memorial Hospital, Pemiscot Memorial Hospital, Phelps County Regional Medical Center, Ray County Memorial Hospital, Samaritan Memorial Hospital, and Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital.



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